

The compound will also offer a swimming pool, gym, commissary, food court and American Club, all housed in a recreation building.

Security, overseen by U.S. Marines, will be extraordinary: setbacks and perimeter no-go areas that will be especially deep, structures reinforced to 2.5-times the standard, and five high-security entrances, plus an emergency entrance-exit.

The extraordinary security designed into this embassy shows how insecure our personnel are considered to be by the government.

The President's Iraq policy has made us less safe and must be changed.

Get our troops out now.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF MR. BENJAMIN MORGAN RADCLIFF, SR.

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, Mobile County and, indeed, the entire state of Alabama, recently lost a dear friend, and I rise today to honor him and pay tribute to his memory.

Mr. Benjamin Morgan Radcliff, Sr. was an outstanding American, a devoted family man, and a dedicated community leader throughout his life.

He was a veteran of the United States Army and spent much of his own life making sure generations to follow would be safe. He represented loyalty and dedication in his everyday life, and I salute him, at this difficult time for his family and friends, for his upstanding morals and his outstanding character.

Mr. Radcliff was a native and lifelong resident of Mobile. He spent his entire life working to make Mobile and south Alabama a better place to live and work.

As founder and chairman of the board of Ben M. Radcliff Contractor Inc., a multi-million dollar company he built from the ground up, Mr. Radcliff literally helped to build Mobile from a small, sleepy southern city to a major port of commerce in the heart of the central Gulf Coast. His outgoing nature coupled with his hard work, strong work ethic, and determination are just some of the reasons why he accomplished so much during his life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering a dedicated community leader and friend to many throughout south Alabama.

"Mr. Ben," as he was affectionately known around town, loved life and lived it to the fullest. It is safe to say that when spring turkey season rolls around this year, there will be a giant void in the piney woods and gently rolling hills of south Alabama. Suffice it to say, his passing marks a tremendous loss for all of us.

"Mr. Ben," will be deeply missed by many but most especially his beloved wife, Jean Faulk Radcliff; his three daughters, Carolyn Akers, Elizabeth Latham, and Julia Menge; his son, Benjamin Morgan Radcliff, Jr.; 12 grandchildren; and the countless friends that he leaves behind.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them all during this difficult time.

TRIBUTE TO SHERIFF CRAIG WEBRE

HON. BOBBY JINDAL

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. JINDAL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a resolution honoring and recognizing the achievements of Sheriff Craig Webre of Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.

Elected as Sheriff of Lafourche Parish on July 1, 1992, Sheriff Webre ushered in a new era of accountable, responsible and professional law enforcement in Lafourche Parish. In the past 15 years, Sheriff Webre enhanced first responder morale, equipment, and communication capability, and initiated or improved over 40 public service programs including Crimestoppers, Crisis Management Unit Team, and Police Social Services, a one-of-a-kind comprehensive victim assistance program that serves approximately 1,400 crime victims per year.

Under Sheriff Webre's leadership, the Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office became the second Sheriff's office in Louisiana history to become nationally accredited, placing the Sheriff's office in the top four percent of all the law enforcement agencies in the United States.

Sheriff Webre played an instrumental role in coordinating distribution of personnel, material and supplies to storm damaged parishes during and after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and worked to provide access for outside agencies to come to the aid of neighboring parishes in Louisiana.

Widely respected by his peers, Sheriff Craig Webre was elected as First Vice President of the National Sheriffs Association in 2006, and is in line to become National President in 2007.

I call on my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in honoring and recognizing the achievements made by Craig Webre, who exemplifies the willingness, dedication, and sacrifice to ensure the security and safety of the citizens of Lafourche Parish.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, because of a family medical emergency, I missed 2 recorded votes on January 9. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner.

H. Res. 35—"no"; H.R. 1—"no."

HONORING JOHN HINDMAN

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 12, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay public tribute to John Hindman, a public servant, businessman and citizen from my congressional district. John is

retiring this month as vice president of Public Affairs and Communications for UPS Airlines, ending a 32-year career with the company.

A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, John earned his bachelor's degree in education from Iowa State University. John first joined UPS in 1974, advancing through various positions in package operations. Over the next 20 years, he managed the Des Moines facility and spent tenures in the West Region's Marketing, Industrial Engineering, Human Resources, Employee Relations and Public Affairs departments.

Before serving in his current position, John spent six years as Air Group Public Affairs manager, monitoring government activity and promoting legislative objectives in Frankfort and Washington, D.C. Since being named vice president of Public Affairs and Communications, John has demonstrably strengthened the reputation of UPS among the public and employees.

Through his work, John has secured millions of dollars in incentives to support UPS projects and corporate social responsibility. I would especially note his stewardship of Metro College, a program that provides kids an opportunity to go to college while working for UPS.

John has distinguished himself as a community leader, serving on the board of directors for the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the Louisville Medical Center Development Corp., and the Boy Scouts of America. He formerly served on boards for the YMCA, Kentucky Forward, Associated Industries of Kentucky and the Louisville Zoo Foundation.

John's vast business knowledge and strong work ethic has earned the attention of several Kentucky Governors including Governor Ernie Fletcher who appointed John to the Louisville Arena Task Force in 2006 and Governor Paul Patton who appointed him to the Southern Governors Association's Transportation Task Force in 1999. John was awarded the 2006 Governor's Economic Development Leadership Award.

It is my great privilege to recognize John Hindman today before the entire U.S. House of Representatives for his leadership and service. His unique achievements make him an outstanding American worthy of our collective honor and appreciation.

STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 11, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I find it no coincidence that as we were preparing to deliberate federal funding for human embryonic stem cell research, a study was released that announced a breakthrough in the form of amniotic-fluid stem cell research. These stem cells do not present any ethical controversy and have already shown more promise than embryonic stem cells.

Federal funding already goes to research and development for embryonic stem cells. The NIH currently spends \$40 million for such studies. It spends \$600 million on stem cell research in general. In fact, nearly \$3 billion has